

Public Law 527

CHAPTER 708

AN ACT

July 12, 1952
[H. R. 6812]

To provide that the existing project for a navigation channel on the Guadalupe River, Texas, be incorporated with and made a part of the project for the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the existing project for a navigation channel on the Guadalupe River, Texas, authorized by the River and Harbor Act, approved March 2, 1945, is hereby incorporated with and made a part of the project for the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway between Apalachee Bay, Florida, and the Mexican border: *Provided*, That the dimensions of the Guadalupe River channel and the requirements of local cooperation pertaining thereto are not modified hereby.

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Guadalupe
River, Tex.

59 Stat. 18.

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CHAPTER 709

AN ACT

July 12, 1952
[H. R. 8170]

Relating to burley tobacco farm acreage allotments under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the farm acreage allotment for burley tobacco for any year shall not be less than the smallest of (1) the allotment established for the farm for the immediately preceding year, (2) seven-tenths of an acre, or (3) 25 per centum of the cropland: *Provided, however*, That no allotment of one acre or less shall be reduced more than one-tenth of an acre in any one year. The additional acreage required under this Act shall be in addition to the State acreage allotments and the production on such acreage shall be in addition to the national marketing quota. This provision shall be effective for 1953 and subsequent crops.

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Burley tobacco
acreage allot-
ments.

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CHAPTER 721

AN ACT

July 14, 1952
[S. 1041]

To provide for the eradication and control of Halogeton glomeratus on lands in the United States, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Halogeton Glomeratus Control Act".

SEC. 2. In order to protect the livestock industry from losses caused by the poisonous weed Halogeton glomeratus now or hereafter existing on lands in the several States, to provide for the maintenance and development of valuable forage plants on range and pasture lands, and to prevent destruction or impairment of range and pasture lands and other lands by the growth, spread, and development of the poisonous weed known as Halogeton glomeratus, it shall be the policy of the Federal Government, acting independently or in cooperation with the several States and political subdivisions thereof, private associa-

Halogeton Glo-
meratus Control
Act.

tions and organizations, and individuals, to control, suppress, and eradicate this weed, poisonous to livestock, on lands in the several States irrespective of ownership.

Actions authorized.

SEC. 3. (a) The Secretary of the Interior with respect to lands under his jurisdiction, including trust or restricted Indian lands, and the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to any other lands, either independently or in cooperation with any State or political subdivision thereof, private association or organization, or individual, are severally authorized, upon such conditions as they respectively deem necessary—

(1) to conduct surveys to detect the presence and effect of Halogeton glomeratus on lands in such State;

(2) to determine those measures and operations which are necessary to control, suppress, and eradicate such weed; and

(3) to plan, organize, direct, and carry out such measures and operations as either of them may deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(b) Measures and operations to control, suppress, or eradicate Halogeton glomeratus on lands under the jurisdiction of any department, agency, independent establishment, or corporation of the Federal Government shall not be conducted without the consent of the department, agency, independent establishment, or corporation concerned.

Expenditures.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture in his discretion may allocate, out of any sums appropriated to him under authority of this Act, to any department, agency, independent establishment, or corporation of the Federal Government having jurisdiction over any land on which there exists Halogeton glomeratus, such amounts as he deems necessary for the control, suppression, and eradication of such weed by such department, agency, independent establishment, or corporation, as the case may be. Sums appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior under authority of this Act shall be expended for work on, or of benefit to, lands under his jurisdiction, including trust or restricted Indian lands. Either Secretary may also accept and utilize such voluntary and uncompensated services of Federal, State, and local officers and employees as are available.

Restriction.

SEC. 5. In the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of the Interior, as the case may be, no expenditures shall be made from funds appropriated under this Act to control, suppress, or eradicate Halogeton glomeratus on lands in the several States until there have been made or agreed upon such contributions, in the form of funds, materials, services, or otherwise, by the States and political subdivisions thereof, private associations, and organizations, and individuals, toward the work of controlling, suppressing, or eradicating such weed, as the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of the Interior, respectively, may require.

Appropriation.

SEC. 6. (a) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture and to the Secretary of the Interior such sums as the Congress may from time to time determine to be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(b) Any sums so appropriated shall be available for expenditure for the employment of persons and means in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, for the purchase, hire, maintenance, operation, and exchange of aircraft and passenger-carrying vehicles, and for such other expenses as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(c) Such sums shall not be used to pay the cost or value of any property injured or destroyed in carrying out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 7. The authority contained in this Act shall be in addition to, and shall not limit or supersede, authority contained in existing law with respect to the control, suppression, and eradication of pests, plants, and plant diseases.

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CHAPTER 722

AN ACT

July 14, 1952
[S. 2128]

To provide for the merger of two or more national banking associations and for the merger of State banks with national banking associations, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the consolidation of national banking associations", approved November 7, 1918, as amended (U. S. C., title 12, secs. 33, 34, and 34a), is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof new sections 4 and 5 to read as follows:

National bank-
ing associations.
40 Stat. 1043; 44
Stat. 1225.

"SEC. 4. (a) One or more national banking associations or one or more State banks, with the approval of the Comptroller, under an agreement not inconsistent with this Act, may merge into a national banking association located within the same State, under the charter of the receiving association.

Merger agree-
ment.

"(b) The merger agreement shall—

"(1) be agreed upon in writing by a majority of the board of directors of each association or State bank participating in the plan of merger;

"(2) be ratified and confirmed by the affirmative vote of the shareholders of each association or State bank owning at least two-thirds of the capital stock outstanding, at a meeting to be held on the call of the directors, after publishing notice of the time, place, and object of the meeting for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper with general circulation in the place where the association or State bank is located, and after sending such notice to each shareholder of record by registered mail at least ten days prior to the meeting, except to those shareholders who specifically waive notice;

"(3) specify the amount of the capital stock of the receiving association which will be outstanding upon completion of the merger, the amount of stock (if any) to be allocated, and cash (if any) to be paid to the shareholders of the association or State bank being merged into the receiving association; and

"(4) provide the manner of disposing of any shares of the receiving association not taken by the shareholders of the association or State bank merged into the receiving association.

"If a merger shall be voted for at the called meetings by the necessary majorities of the shareholders of each association or State bank participating in the plan of merger, any shareholder of any association or State bank to be merged into the receiving association who has voted against the merger at the meeting of the shareholders, or has given notice in writing at or prior to the meeting to the presiding officer that he dissents from the plan of merger, shall be entitled to receive the value of the shares held by him if and when the merger shall be approved by the Comptroller. The value of the shares shall be ascertained, as of the date of the meeting of the shareholders of the association or State bank approving the merger, by an appraisal made by

Dissenting
shareholder.